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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **FOUQUER, Richard**

Group Art Unit: **3722**

Serial No.: **10/724,171**

Examiner: **Sara ADDISU**

Filed: **December 1, 2003**

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For: **CUTTING INSERT INCLUDING A BRACING LAYER**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 3722**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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November 30, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated **September 9, 2005**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: